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DEPT FOR THE SECRETARY AND SAUNDERS, AMMAN FOR AMB ATHERTON,
FROM AMB LEWIS

E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR PBOR EG IS JO US
SUBJ: DAYAN'S "PERSONAL STATEMENT" AT LEEDS CASTLE MEETING
WITH SECRETARY VANCE

1. DAYAN TELEPHONED ME TO REMIND ME OF THE "NON-PAPER"
CONCERNING THE QUESTION OF A DECISION ON SOVEREIGNTY
OR PERMANENT STATUS OF THE WEST BANK AND GAZA WHICH
HE HAD HANDED TO THE SECRETARY IN THE BILATERAL MEETING
ON WEDNESDAY MORNING, JULY 19. (TEXT OF THAT "NON-PAPER"
WAS CONTAINED IN DRAFT MEMCON ON THAT BILATERAL MEETING,
COPIES GIVEN TO SAUNDERS AND ATHERTON IN LONDON.)

2. DAYAN SAID HE HAD SUBMITTED THE "NON-PEPR" TO THE
CABINET YESTERDAY, JULY 23, AND THAT IT NOW WAS NO LONGER
A STATEMENT OF HIS OWN PERSONAL OPINION, BUT HAD FULL
CABINET APPROVAL--WITH ONE CHANGE. THE FIRST TWO
PARAGRAPHS REMAIN AS GIVEN TO THE SECRETARY IN LONDON.
PARAGRAPH THREE NOW READS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE: 3. IF
THE ISRAELI PEACE PROPOSAL (SELF-RULE) IS ACCEPTED,
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ISRAEL WILL BE PREPARED, AS PROVIDED IN SECTIONS 24 AND
26 OF THE PROPOSAL, TO DISCUSS AFTER FIVE YEARS THE
QUESTION OF SOVEREIGNTY (OR PERMANEN STATUS) OF THE
AREAS. ALTHOUGH THESE PROVISIONS DO NOT CALL FOR A
DECISION ON THE SUBJECT, A SOLUTION OF THIS QUESTION IS
POSSIBLE. END QUOTE.

3. THE ONLY CHANGE THAT HAS OCCURRED IS THAT THE FINAL PHRASE OF PARA THREE ORIGINALLY READ: QUOTE: IT IS THE PERSONAL VIEW OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER THAT AN AGREEMENT ON THIS QUESTION IS POSSIBLE. END QUOTE. THAT FINAL PHRASE NOW READS: QUOTE: A SOLUTION OF THIS QUESTION IS POSSIBLE. END QUOTE.

4. DAYAN SAID THAT IT WAS HIS INTENTION TO READ THE TEXT OF ALL THREE PARAGRPHS TO THE KNESSET TODAY DURING THE FOREIGN POLICY DEBATE IN WHICH HE WILL BE PRESENTING THE GOVERNMENTS POSITION ON THE CURRENT STATE OF PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

5. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THE LANGUAGE OF PARA THREE REMAINS DELPHIC, IT IS CLEAR THAT DAYAN HAS SUCCEEDED IN PUSHING BEGIN SOMEWHAT FURTHER IN THE DIRECTION WE HAVE BEEN WANTING HIM TO RO. THIS FORMULATION IS NOT EXACTLY THE RESPONSE TO OUR EARLIER QUESTION NUMBER ONE WHICH WE WERE SEEKING, BUT IT IS BETTER THAN THE RESPONSE THEY GAVE US AT THE TIME. LEWIS

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